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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 97-124-C - ORDER NO. 97-519
JUNE 16, 1997

IN RE: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., in) ORDER
its Revisions to its General Subscriber)
Services Tariff and Access Service Tariff,)
is making Revisions to Comply with the FCC's)
Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassi-)
fication and Compensation Provisions of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)


This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Petition for Declaratory Order filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth or the Company). BellSouth asserts, in its Petition, that this Commission should declare that its pay telephone rates, as filed in tariffs on or before May 19, 1997, comply with the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. In addition, BellSouth asserts that its pay telephone rates should be declared by this Commission to have met the "new services" test.

We decline to do either, since this Commission has set this matter for hearing, wherein we can determine whether or not these declarations should be made. Should this Commission determine that the actual rates are lower than those filed, BellSouth will be required to refund and provide credit to its payphone customers

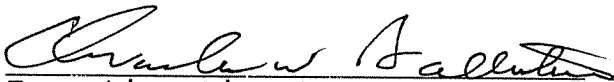
back to April 15, 1997.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until
further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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